



United States Army War College Chair of War Studies

Objective:

The United States Army War College seeks to fill a newly established Chair of War Studies.

Context:

This is a fulltime, long-term, civilian faculty position at the United States Army's most senior institution for professional military education. The Army War College educates the top echelon of US military officers of all services, US government civilians, and military officers from scores of foreign countries. It develops strategic leaders by providing a rigorous curriculum of theoretical and professional subjects. The education is delivered two ways—through a ten-month resident program (about 385 students) and a two-year distance education program (about 750 students). Both lead to a Master's of Strategic Studies accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Expectations:

The Chair of War Studies would strengthen the Army War College faculty in the interdisciplinary study of war. In particular, he or she would produce cutting-edge scholarship that influences national security policy, military strategy, and the Army War College curriculum. Additionally, the Chair would lecture widely, organize and participate in scholarly conferences, lead collaborative research projects, mentor faculty and students, and counsel Army War College leaders on curricular issues. The Chair would be expected to teach courses in his/her area of interest, but would carry a reduced load.

It is our intent to hire a scholar of rising international reputation. The ideal candidate would have a strong record of relevant and highly acclaimed publications making him or her a recognized expert in the study of war at the strategic level. We seek someone deeply grounded in a relevant discipline—e.g., history, political science, international relations, war studies, economics, etc.—and committed to a theoretical and multi-disciplinary approach to the study of war. In addition to interdisciplinary excellence, the ideal candidate would have experience serving or advising in high-level councils of government, as our core curriculum combines the theory and practice of war at the strategic level.

Besides having a distinguished scholarly record, we seek candidates who are professionally mature, open to staying in the job for a career, and committed to long-term contributions in service to the nation. Additionally, the selectee must have the ability to work collegially at a military institution while embodying the finest traditions of civilian academe. Accordingly, we expect the Chair to advance new and innovative ideas in a way that leverages the strengths of the faculty and preserves the cohesiveness of the military culture.

We envision the Chair spending most of his or her time at the Army War College, living in the Carlisle community, and embracing the ethos of the institution. The compensation package includes substantial resources to allow the Chair to travel as necessary to maintain strong external relationships.

Finally, the Chair must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance from the US government.

Rewards and Compensation:

The person selected as the Chair of War Studies would find employment at the Army War College enjoyable, satisfying, and rewarding. The Chair would have the benefit of working at an institution dedicated to his or her scholarly focus. Additionally, the Chair would sense the urgency of the mission, collegiality of the faculty, security of the military environment, quality and diversity of the student body, and climate of cooperation and teamwork. These defining features have long appealed to civilian faculty members who have worked at the Army War College for any length of time.

Compensation is dependent on the Chair's qualifications and professional experience. We are prepared to offer a salary-and-benefits package designed to attract highly talented applicants. Additionally, the Army War College will reserve substantial funds to support a full range of professional activities—conference attendance, professional travel, research and editorial assistance, and associated expenses. The intent is to provide the Chair sufficient resources and encouragement to produce seminal scholarship and represent the Army War College at a wide range of professional forums.

Qualifications:

1. Ph.D. in a discipline relating to the theory and practice of war at the strategic level—e.g., history, political science, international relations, war studies, economics, etc.
2. Distinguished record of scholarship applicable to the theory and practice of war at the strategic level.
3. Ability to influence military and civilian decision makers, directly or indirectly, through the power of intellect.
4. Experience serving or advising in high-level councils of government or at the strategic level in military or civilian organizations.

5. Experience designing curriculums and developing courses relevant to the theory and practice of war at the strategic level.
6. Excellence as a lecturer and instructor, particularly at the graduate level.
7. Ability to work collegially with diverse (military, civilian, foreign) graduate students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
8. Refined oral communication and presentation skills.
9. Extensive professional network enabling access to academic institutions, think tanks, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, etc.
10. Ability to lead student and faculty research projects.
11. Ability to plan and conduct conferences that yield influential outcomes.
12. Record of success in obtaining research grants and participating in professional outreach programs.

Application:

To be considered for this position, you must submit a complete application consisting of the items listed below.

1. Letter of application.
2. Résumé or curriculum vitae.
3. Samples of scholarship (Electronic format is preferred, as hard copies will not be returned without a self-addressed and metered envelope.)
4. Academic transcripts (graduate level).
5. List of six professional references.

Both paper and electronic submissions are acceptable, but the latter is strongly encouraged. Please note that documents submitted as part of the application may be shared beyond the Human Resources Office.

Review of applications will begin November 15th and continue until the position is filled.

Send applications to:

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